

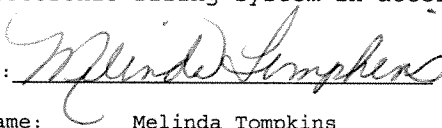
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This Amendment and response is being filed in response to the
Office Action dated November 1, 2007.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3.

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This Amendment and Response is accompanied by an Electronic Fee payment and a Transmittal Form.

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for a period of 2 months, from February 1, 2008 to April 1, 2008 and authorize the charge of the appropriate fee.

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